

Lastille stressed: "We know that these are difficult times," and added that it involves "an all-out confrontation" and this "is why she was chosen. That is why those people, whoever they may be, have chosen this victim," he stressed.

Meanwhile the Salvadoran Legislative Assembly unanimously condemned the kidnapping of the president's daughter, issuing a plea to the perpetrators that she be released soon. During its Thursday plenary meeting, the congress also approved a new extension of the 30-day state of siege throughout the country, because it feels that the conditions that motivated the measure in March 1980 still prevail in the country. The state of siege specifically restricts freedom of the press, the right to mobilize or meet, and the inviolability of one's mail.

ANN Speculates on Abductors

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[Text] Managua, 21 Sep (AFP) -- The possibility that the kidnapping of the daughter of Salvadoran President Napoleon Duarte was carried out by forces seeking a "collapse" of the Contadora Group's peacemaking efforts, was noted today in a dispatch of the official Nicaraguan news agency (ANN).

The kidnapping of Ines Guadalupe Duarte, 35, occurred last Tuesday as she was leaving the private Salvadoran University; no political group has claimed credit for the action or announced ransom demands thus far.

Citing "a Latin American diplomatic source," ANN indicated that this action "may be a trick by obscure forces that move under apparent reality [bajo apparente realidad] to provide the government with motives to allege that it is being attacked."

According to the dispatch, this would permit Duarte's government to refuse to resume dialogue with the opposition FMLN, and thus torpedo peacemaking efforts by Mexico, Columbia, Venezuela, and Panama, members of the Contadora Group.

The dispatch was published today in an eight-column item by the morning newspaper EL NUEVO DIARIO, entitled "What Lies Behind the Kidnapping"; and under a subhead which warned that "It May Be Part of the Collapse of Contadora."

ARENA Leaders Condemn Kidnapping

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[Excerpt] Yesterday the political parties represented at the Legislative Assembly repudiated the kidnapping of Ines Guadalupe Duarte Duran, daughter of President Napoleon Duarte.

ARENA [Nationalist Republican Alliance] Deputy Armando Calderon Sol said that the kidnapping is a loathsome, entirely unreasonable action that has affected the country's political life and that it deserves condemnation regardless of how one sees it. Calderon said that ARENA had immediately repudiated the abduction and that the party's secretary general, Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, publicly and vigorously condemned it. Calderon said that ARENA morally supports the government and President Duarte in this regrettable situation. He also said: "We pray to God to give him the strength to overcome this situation, as befits a head of state."

he pointed out: The abduction is the result of the terrorists' desperation since they feel they are repudiated by the people. He said: "We Salvadorans are fed up with these acts of violence and seek harmony, peace, and concord to deal with our current economic crisis. Such actions are unreasonable and loathsome, even more so in this case because the victim is a lady, a mother, a Salvadoran woman."

Asked whether the guerrillas abducted Duarte's daughter to pressure the government into resuming the dialogue or to exchange her for captured terrorists, Calderon said: "We have no reports on the guerrillas' contact or demands. Perhaps the terrorists are using the abduction as a form of blackmail since we have seen that they will go to any extremes."

FOREIGN MINISTER REJECTS ORTEGA CHARGES

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[Text] Referring to a statement by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, Salvadoran Foreign Minister Rodolfo Antonio Castillo Claramount reaffirmed that the Sandinist leader is the one who is blocking the Contadora Group's efforts. The Salvadoran foreign minister emphatically rejected the charges by Commander Daniel Ortega that Costa Rica, Honduras, and El Salvador are trying to manipulate the Contadora process.

[Begin Castillo Claramount recording] I emphatically deny this because Salvadoran dignity and the respect that the Salvadoran people and our democratic government deserve cannot accept charges of this nature. We are undoubtedly endorsed and supported by the absolutely ethical and civic moral act of the Salvadoran people. We are indebted to the Salvadoran people and their ethical, civic principles.

The Nicaraguans are the ones who have betrayed the Central American peace efforts. They have done this in several ways: by promoting actions to destabilize our governments, by carrying out acts of aggressions against neighbor countries, and by sponsoring a policy supporting the guerrillas in El Salvador, which is aimed at overthrowing the government and seizing power through violence in order to establish a Marxist-Leninist totalitarian regime in El Salvador. They also obstructed and boycotted the Contadora Group meeting at which the most important issues of the Contadora peace plan were to be discussed. Those issues included establishing control and restraining the arms race. This consisted of setting conditions on the number and type of arms, foreign advisers, and so forth. We were also to decide on the verification and control mechanisms for [word indistinct] and preventing the arms race and actions that can disturb peace, in order to maintain some proportion and balance that does not exist as this moment because Nicaragua has a disproportionately larger army than the rest of the Central American armies.

Another very important issue is holding a dialogue which would include all of the forces opposed to the regime — not just the political forces, but also the groups up in arms against the regime.

STATEMENT ON ZONA ROSA PRISONERS CLARIFIED

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[Text] Government spokesmen said yesterday that the government has not said at any time that its three prisoners actively participated in the Zona Rosa killings.